

Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee

I participated in NRA Day at the LOB yesterday and visited both of your offices. Unfortunately, you were not available but I had the pleasure of meeting your legislative assistants, Lisa and Patricia (I'm sorry I did not write down their last names). I was impressed with both of them and feel you are lucky to have such pleasant, patient, and professional support. I want to thank both of them for the time they spent with me.

I had hoped to talk with each of you of my concerns about SB1076, which I had tried to read the night before. I must state first and foremost that it is almost impossible for a citizen to meet the requirements of the laws when they are written in such incomprehensible language and syntax. Just from that standpoint, I respectfully request that you oppose the bills because it will undoubtedly catch law abiding citizens in it's confusing requirements.

That said, I was able to understand some of the new proposed requirements, and while I'm sure this list of my concerns is not complete I provide them below:

- New AWB – This basically outlaws the AR-15 pattern rifle, the most popular, and probably populous, rifle owned by Americans today. Since the SCOTUS has stated that firearms in common usage are protected by the Second Amendment I can't see how the new requirements are not unconstitutional. This seems a regulation in search of a problem since long guns in general are seldom used in crimes.
- New Rifle Permit – The new requirements seem even more confusing than the requirements for a Pistol Permit. Again a regulation in search of a problem and unnecessary burden on law abiding citizens.
- New Firearms Registration – Probably the most egregious requirement. What possible public benefit can arise from requiring such a severe burden on law abiding citizens. The burden of annual re-registration, with all requirements of a new registration having to be met for each renewal is a tremendous burden, as well as being insulting to law abiding citizens. I emphasize "law abiding" since SCOTUS has ruled that a prohibited gun owner cannot be required to comply with registration requirements since it constitutes self incrimination protected by the Fifth Amendment. This requirement furthermore effectively forbids transportation and use of firearms by spouses as well as any others. And the "let me see your papers" requirement is a true intrusion on our right to privacy, absent any other transgression. I have great concern about the fees that might be charged for the registration renewals as well as a possible de facto disarmament process, particularly for the economically disadvantaged. Further the registration process for new purchases institutes an unknown and unknowable delay in the purchase process. The 10 year experiment in long gun registration recently ended in Canada had poor compliance and absolutely no effect on crime.
- Face to Face Ammunition Sales with Registration Certificate – Again, just a burden and insult to law abiding citizens. And the prohibition of purchase (and ownership?) of ammunition for other than a caliber for which you hold a registration permit does nothing but make criminals of law abiding citizens. In addition it imposes an unnecessary economic burden on law abiding citizens by severely limiting competition among ammunition suppliers. Also, I suspect that the Fifth Amendment would also protect criminals from this requirement.
- One Firearm Purchase a Month – This is a requirement that has been demonstrated to have absolutely no effect on crime and has been abandoned by several states.

I'm sure that there are many more objectionable requirements buried in this bill, but even with a Ph.D. and years of experience in reviewing complex purchase agreements I admit defeat. Please vote to defeat this bill.

Thanks for bearing with me.

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